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HOUSE RESOLUTION 101
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Memphis City Schools on having the Center for Safe and Drug-Free Schools selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project".

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding programs that have contributed significantly to the reduction of disruptive behavior, violence, drug use, suspensions and drop-out rates in our public school systems; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis City Schools' Center for Safe and Drug-Free Schools is most assuredly one such worthy program; the Center has been selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project" pursuant to the Safe Schools Act of 1998 in the category of large city school systems; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Safe and Drug-Free Schools is founded upon a well conceived plan to implement various strategies, programs, materials, equipment and funds over a three-year period, including the Teens for Peace initiative and RIDE (Responding to Individual Differences in Education); and

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WHEREAS, Memphis City Schools has also partnered with the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County Juvenile Court to ensure the safety of the schools; these partnerships have resulted in greatly improved working relationships among the three involved entities; and

WHEREAS, The worthy goals of Memphis City Schools and the Center for Safe and Drug-Free Schools include effecting a reduction in the drop-out rate and the suspension rate and an increase in the graduation rate of Memphis public school students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this Body hereby honors and congratulates the outstanding administration and professional staff of Memphis City Schools on having the Center for Safe and Drug-Free Schools selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project" pursuant to the Safe Schools Act of 1998 in the category of large city school systems, and wish these fine people all the best as they implement the worthy goals of this laudable project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.